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1 A petition under 37 CFR 1.47 only applies to the initially filed 37
CFR 1.63 declaration.

(1) Deficiencies or inaccuracies relating to all the inventors or applicants (§§ 1.42, 1.43, or § 1.47 may be corrected with a supplemental oath or declaration signed by all the inventors or applicants.

With the instant petition, attorney Sarah B. Adriano has set forth the steps taken to secure joint inventor Ledbetter's signature on the supplemental declaration. Adriano has included, *inter alia*, a copy of a cover letter dated October 15, 2002, addressed to the last known address of Ledbetter and enclosing the application papers. However, as of the date of the petition, no supplemental declaration has been received.

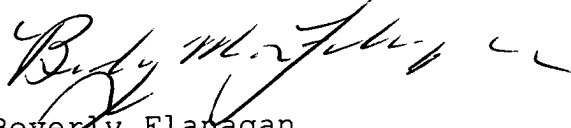
In order for a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 to be granted, petitioner must demonstrate that this is an extraordinary situation where justice requires waiver of the rules.

The supplemental reissue declaration was required to be signed by joint inventors Linsley, Brady, Ledbetter, and Damle. However, only Linsley, Brady, and Damle executed the declaration. Petitioner has demonstrated that a *bona fide* effort was made to secure Ledbetter's signature on the supplemental declaration. Accordingly, it is concluded that petitioner has demonstrated that this is an extraordinary situation requiring waiver of the rules.

Accordingly, the newly executed declaration filed on November 18, 2002 will be entered, despite the fact that the requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.67(a)(1) that all the inventors sign a supplemental oath or declaration has not been satisfied.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

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